

WINDSOR LOCKS POLICE COMMISSION  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
November 13, 2019

**“These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.”**

<b>Commissioners present:</b>	Andrew Kulas, James Szepanski, Ricardo Rachele, Mike Hannaford and Mike Forschino
<b>Commissioners absent:</b>	Dan Squires
<b>Also Present:</b>	Chief Eric Osanitsch

- 1) Call to Order –Chairman Kulas called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- 3) Public Input – None
- 4) Correspondence – None
- 5) Appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the Commission.

MOTION: To appoint Andrew Kulas as Chairman of the Police Commission.  
Mike Hannaford Seconded by Michael Perry  
Motion Passed 5/0

MOTION: To appoint James Szepanski as Vice Chairman of the Police Commission.  
Mike Hannaford Seconded by Mike Forschino  
Motion Passed 5/0

MOTION: To appoint Mike Hannaford as Secretary of the Police Commission.  
Andrew Kulas Seconded by James Szepanski  
Motion Passed 5/0

- 6) Approval of the September 24, 2019 regular meeting minutes

There was not a quorum to vote on this motion.

MOTION: To add the approval of the March 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes to the Agenda.  
James Szepanski Seconded by Michael Perry  
Motion Passed 5/0

MOTION: To approve the March 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes.  
James Szepanski Seconded by Michael Perry  
Motion Passed 5/0

**7) Budget Update/Chief's Report –**

- a) Current budget status – Although still early in the budget year, everything is looking good. Chief Osanitsch asked the Commission to send a volunteer to represent the Police Department at CIAC.

**8) Old Business –**

- a) Speed Enforcement Signs – The Department currently has one mobile speed enforcement sign. We have six more signs on order – four of which are solar run and permanently pole mounted and the other two are mobile units that are updated version of the one we have. The Chief distributed stats on speed enforcement and stated these are all done without adding exclusive speed enforcement patrol officers. Chief Osanitsch added that we have made contact with those residents who were in attendance at the last meeting and we have been utilizing the offers of driveways, etc.
- b) New Officer hire update – Officer John Bremser is in the field training phase and is doing well. He has a lot of traffic enforcement in his background.

**9) New Business –**

Motion to add a vote to appoint a representative to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC)

After a brief discussion, Chairman Kulas agreed to accept the position.

MOTION: To appoint Andrew Kulas as the Police Commission representative for the Windsor Locks Police Department at the CIAC meetings.

Mike Hannaford  
Motion Passed 5/0

Seconded by Michael Perry

- a) Computer aided dispatch and records management system upgrade project – Chief Osanitsch explained that our current system is antiquated. We are only one of a few in the state that still use this system. NexGen allows us to share data with other Departments and allows us to regionalize with other towns. We will be able to create customizable reports that we can't create now. The new system will be of no cost to the town and will be paid for with Asset Forfeiture funds. The cost is approximately \$120,000 over a 3 year window and we would like to transition to the new system early next year.

MOTION: To approve and support Chief Osanitsch moving forward with acquiring the new system.

Mike Hannaford  
Motion Passed 5/0

Seconded by Michael Perry

- 10) Commissioner Comments –** James Szepanski asked about recognizing the Officer who convinced the recent murder suspect to turn himself in. Mike Forschino added that the bad news is always out on social media and he would like to see some of the good recognized out there. Chief Osanitsch stated that they are working on a yearly recognition program.

James Szepanski asked for copies of the current contracts. Chief Osanitsch stated the Officers contract is signed but not yet printed for distribution.

James Szepanski stated that he knows other towns have plate readers and asked if there was a grant out there where we could get a plate reader. Chief Osanitsch stated that there is not a grant specific for plate readers. The last grant we received like this was used for the purchase of radios.

December 11 will be the next Police Commission meeting.

**11) Adjournment –**

MOTION: To adjourn at 6:29 pm.  
James Szepanski  
Motion Passed 5/0

Seconded by Mike Hannaford

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler  
Recording Secretary